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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - CHINA-TIBET TALKS

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Front-page items on Tuesday morning included the explosions on two public buses in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, on Monday that killed at least two people and wounded 14 others.

¶2. "Meaningful Results Produced at China-Tibet Talks?" The moderate Yomiuri editorialized (7/22): "Two meetings have been held between the Chinese government and the Tibetan government-in-exile ahead of the Beijing Olympics, which open on August 8.... The pressure from the international community, which emphasized the need for dialogue following the unrest in Tibet and surrounding provinces in March, helped lead to the meetings. However, as far as we can tell, the meetings have failed to realize fundamental solutions to the Tibetan issue. Some observers are of the opinion that the meetings were used by Beijing to buy a temporary peace before the Olympics.... The international community's interest in Tibet has been declining since the start of the dialogue between China and Tibet. The G8 summit did not take the issue up for discussion, nor did the U.S.-China summit."

¶3. "ASEAN Urges Burma to Release Aung San Suu Kyi" The moderate Yomiuri's correspondent report from Singapore stated (7/22): "The ASEAN foreign ministerial held on Monday in Singapore called for the release of democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest by the Burmese junta. The association released a joint statement saying that the Burmese government should take further steps towards a peaceful transition to democracy.... Although ASEAN plans to launch a new community by 2015 based on human rights and other basic values, the Burmese junta is becoming a burden on the association."

